

In the Claims

1. (Original) A neuron survival-promoting peptide having the sequence of CHEASAAQC (SEQ ID NO.: 1) or a variant thereof.

2. (Original) The neuron survival-promoting peptide of claim 1, said peptide having 1-9 conservative amino acid substitutions.

3. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising the neuron survival-promoting peptide of claim 1, in a biologically acceptable carrier.

4-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) A kit for treating a neurodegenerative disorder or inflammatory disorder in a patient comprising:

- a) an isolated CHEC-9 peptide;
- b) a pharmaceutical excipient; and optionally
- c) a vehicle for administration, such as a syringe or catheter, and instructional material.

23-24. (Cancelled)